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FOR: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
COMBUSTION OF RESIDUAL CARBON  
IN FLY ASH**

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND  
AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 23, 2004, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and the remarks below.

Submitted herewith is a request for a three-month extension of time, which extends the deadline for reply to and including January 23, 2005. Also submitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 8 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** are presented on page 14 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 15 of this paper.

**Conclusion** is on page 23 of this paper.

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